Restaurants contract basis to private parties in Hotels

7728. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ITDC management has been steadily giving out the restaurants to private parties in various hotels in New Delhi on contract basis due to deficiency in their management and most of them have been contracted on 60:40 ratio;

(b) whether such private parties have been manupulating their sales accounts to defy the contracts with or without staff assistance of ITDC;

(c) whether the hotel management of Janpath Hotel in order to push the sales of a party has not only closed down partly or fully its restaurants but has also opened up the lobby passage exclusive to the residents of the Hotel to the visitors' use for visiting the privately run open area restaurants viz., Food Plaza;

(d) whether the ITDC is unable to exlusive air conditioning plant for Janpath Hotel for several years despite repeated complaints from residents;

(e) whether he had recently visited the Hotel;

(f) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(g) what action is being proposed to direct ITDC to stop giving contracts for restaurants, and for building up independent Air conditioning Plant for Janpath Hotel residents to improve the rate of accupancy?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Based on the demand popularity of speciality cuisines, ITDC in its business interest has leased out space|infrastructure facilities for operating six speciality restaurants to private parties in four Delhi based hotels ITDC management charges licence fee on percentage of sale subject to a minimum guaranteed amount.

(b) In order to have effective control over sale proceeds in these restaurants, the unit management supervises these restaurants.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The existing central AC plant located in the adjoining hotel Kanishka has adequate capacity to cater to the airconditioning requirements of Janpath Hotel as well. The efficiency of cooling in Janpath Hotel is affected because of the equipment and installations being old. or in the event of break-down of AC Plant/ failure or inadequate power supply.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. I visited Janpath Hotel on 24 April, 1995 on a general inspection visit, alongwith my colleague, Minister of State and a team of Officers.

(g) The operation of restaurants by private parties is in the business interest of ITDC. The existing central AC Plant has adequate capacity to meet the demand. However, proposal for replacing old air-conditioning equipment in the quest rooms is under consideration.

Proposals of Tourism Promotion in Rajasthan

7729. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AD TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from Government of Rajasthan far which are still pending for approval with the Central Government promotion of Tourism in that State;

(b) how many out of the above proposals have been approved till 30th April, 1995;

(c) what is the present stage of consideration of the remaining proposals;

(d) in how many overseas fairs and festivals for publicity programmes. India evenings|seminars, special interests tours, Rajasthani artists were invited on reciprocal basis; and

(e) what provision have been made during 1995-96 as compared to 1994-95 on integrated development of tourist centres, construction of tourist bungalows|resort developments, wayside amenities and tourist transport at important tourists centres in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Out of ten proposals, received from the State Government of Rajasthan, seven proposals, which were found complete and eligible in accordance with the pescribed guidelines for providing central financial assistance were sanctioned for Rs. 98.91 lakhs during the financial year 1994-95. The remaining three proposals which were not covered under the guidelines have been returned to Government of Rajasthan Department of Tourism, Government of India has also sanctioned a project of Rs. 5.00 crores for building a new Palace-on-Wheels Train.

(d) The following Rajasthani cultural troupes were sent abroad for promotion of tourism in India:—

Sl.	Year and name of the troupe	No. of Members	Country
	1993		
1	Gulabi & Party . . .	5	Athens
2	Craftsman	3	London
	1994		
1	*ITB-Berln* '94		
	Mahadev Nath & Party . . .	6	Germany
2	*Indian Fair-Singapore*		
	Anuradha & Party With Craftsman .	12	Singapore
3	*Rajasthan Food Festival London*		
	Geetanjali Goyal & Party . . .	10	U.K.
	1995		
1	*ITB-Berlin* '95		
	Geetanjali, Gulabi & Party . . .	14	Germany
2	*PATA Conference-New zealand*		
	Gulabi and Party	6	New Zealand

(e) The development of tourist facilities is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, central financial assistance is extended to the State Government on receipt of a specific complete and eligible proposal, based on the merit, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

Setting up of Star Category Hotels

7730. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of star category hotels|heritage hotels have been given permission to operate on different locations during the last one year;

(b) if so, what are the names of such hotels|heritage hotels with the number of rooms of each hotel|heritage hotel; and

(c) the present rooms available in different States|UTs in these hotels and the estimated targe fixed for additional rooms by the end of century?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The permission to operate hotels is granted by the State Governments|Union territories. The Department of Tourism has a voluntary scheme whereby hotels desiring to be classified in different categories can do so. In the last one year 74 hotels were classified in different star categories. The detailed list of hotels with rooms is attached as Statement. (*See* below) It is estimated that the country will need 1,25,000 classified rooms by the year 2000.

Statement

List of Hotels classified during 1994-95

Name of State	Name of Hotel	Star	Rooms
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh . .	1. Taj Residency, Visakhapatnam.	5-D	94
	2. Holiday Inn, Hyderabad.	5	95
	3. Hotal Viceroy, Hyderabad.	3	137
	4. Golconda, Resort, Hyderabad.	3	154
	5. Krishna, Residency, Vijawada.	3	20
Bihar	6. Centre Point, Jamshedpur.	4	40
	7. Maharaja International, Durgapur.	3	41
Delhi	8. Hotel Alka, New Delhi.	4	21
	9. Hans Plaza, New Delhi.	4	69
	10. Oasis Hotel, Delhi.	2	18
Haryana	11. Hotel, Delite, Faridabad.	3	61
	12. Jewel Hotel, Karnal.	3	21
	13. Mid-Twon, Panipat.	3	28
	14. Mahalaxmi Palace, Faridabad.	3	34